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LOK SABHA

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DEMAND FOR LPG & KEROSENE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demand for LPG and Kerosene oil is being met by means of import;

(b) if so, the percentage of the demand met by means of import during each of the last two years in the country; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by the Government to reduce the dependence on import for meeting such demands?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)
(a) & (b): On an overall basis, the indigenous production of petroleum products, is more than the consumption except for LPG, a part of which has to be imported. While indigenous availability of kerosene is adequate to meet demand, imports of kerosene have taken place in the last two years under the Parallel Marketing Scheme (PMS). The details of imports of LPG and Kerosene during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 is as under :-

(Figs in million metric tonne per annum)

Year	Imports		% of total consumption	
	LPG	Kerosene	LPG	Kerosene
2002-03	7.23	0.70	6.6	6.8
2003-04	8.00	0.80	6.8	7.8

(c): In order to reduce dependence on imports of petroleum products, the refining capacity of the refineries is being augmented, although there is marginal surplus in refining capacity at present and the country is a net exporter of petroleum products. India's annual exports of petroleum products was of the tune of Rs 16,781 crore for the year 2003-04.